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Crossed U. S. With Ox Team Is Candidate at the Age of 94

EZRA MEEKER, the noted pioneer, now 94 years old, is again in the limelight, this time as a candidate representative in the Oregon legislature. Meeker was among the first few hundred and was actually the last man to cross the American continent by ox team. His first exploit came about through necessity and love of adventure; the second—more than a century later—was undertaken in an effort to perpetuate the history of the early migrations and suitably to mark the course of the once famous Oregon trail. At the age of 76 years, and after an active career of 17 years in Oregon and the state of Washington, Meeker conceived the plan of duplicating as nearly as possible the outfit with which he had crossed the plains in 1852 and of proceeding therewith alone over the same route to its terminus at the Missouri River and thence on to New York and Washington. In February, 1906, he made his actual start east. Meeker's outfit consisted of a yoke of steers, selected with the greatest care, and a wagon made up of parts of three wagons which had been service on the plains in the early days of the transcontinental pioneers. With his he drove all the way to New York and Washington, consuming 22 months on the way. In the national capital Meeker was received by President Roosevelt, who expressed great interest in the undertaking and went with the pioneer alone to inspect his strange traveling outfit. After visiting New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati, Meeker shipped his cattle and wagon to St. Louis. From there he drove to Kansas City, Topeka and St. Joseph, racing the several branches of the old Oregon trail. From that point the return to Oregon was by train, the aged traveler reaching Portland June 6, 1908. Ezra Meeker was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, December 29, 1830, and spent his early boyhood as an apprentice in printing offices in Indianapolis. The age of 21 found him married and on his way by ox team with his young wife to Iowa to obtain the farm which he always had coveted. A winter in Iowa of unusual severity induced the young couple to cast in their lot with the thousands who were pressing forward to California and the northwest, the floodtide of plains travel reaching its peak in the year 1852. The first babe of the Meekers was only seven weeks old at the time the start was made. Portland, a straggling frontier town, was reached October 1, 1852. Meeker is the author of several books of pioneer life. His career in Oregon and Washington has been notable for its many activities, ranging all the way from participation in Indian wars to spending four years in London as agent for the hop-growers of the northwest. For years he was one of the largest hop-growers in the Puyallup valley, and at one time owned considerable land, but most of his property was disposed of when the hop industry ceased to be profitable. Later he moved to Seattle, and, although more than 90 years old, he continued to write and to take an active part in the promotion of good roads.

Soviets Outcar the Czar Emma Goldman in Speech

THE soviets were perpetrating a great lie on the world when they said the Russian people were free, declared Emma Goldman, famed anarchist, in an address in The Hague. Miss Goldman, who was deported from the United States for her radical activities, asserted that the Bolsheviks had built up a new state which was as capitalistic and as militaristic as the Russia of the Romanoffs. "While capitalism is supreme in Holland, at least there is freedom of propaganada, whereas in Russia only opinion approved by the government was allowed expression, every other utterance being suppressed. "The Bolsheviks, like Christianity, are trampling under foot the principles of communism by professing communism, just as the church tramples on the spirit of Christianity. "The first task of the revolutionary anarchists should be the annihilation of state and militarism. "As soon as the dawn of the new revolution breaks, 100,000,000 Russians will be ready to join against the suppression of free utterance now prevailing in that unhappy country."

HER DECOY

Mr. Rae came home the other evening with a neat little brown parcel. "It's a new collar for that dog of Black's," he explained. Mrs. Rae unwrapped it and gave a little cry of astonishment. "It's too good for that dog," she told him. "Yes," he said, "I gave \$2.50 for it." "Two dollars and a half? What on earth for? I don't understand at all. You've always said that you loathe that dog." "Yes, that's just it," Mr. Rae agreed. "With that collar on, someone is sure to think the brute is worth stealing."

The Great Secret of Power Wise Proverbs of Russians

By CLARK KINNARD

IT has been frequently pointed out that the genius of Henrik Ibsen as a dramatist lies, not in brilliancy of language nor in epigram, but in his development of character. Witness "Hedda Gabler," "A Doll's House," "Peer Gynt," or any other of his plays. Nevertheless his works are deeply sown with a wit that clearly epitomizes his genius. To Ibsen there were no boundaries in the world of thought. A few random quotations from his works: There is one thing in the world that could madden us all if we allowed ourselves to think of it, and that is—the thought of what might have been. It is easier nowhere to break through all so-called prejudices than in the relations between a man and a woman. A political party is like the proverbial sausage machine; it grinds all the heads together, and therefore one gets blockheads and numskulls all in a head. Most surely is there beauty in the ordinary lives of men, though none but an artist can see and appreciate it. Against lies, calumnies, etc., dignity is the only weapon; never let anyone see that anything said by your enemies has touched you—in short, act as if you did not dream you had any enemies. It is not an easy matter for a lonely woman to guard herself. Friends are a costly luxury; when a man has invested his entire capital in a calling or a mission he cannot afford to keep them. The costliness of keeping friends does not lie in what one does for them, but in what, out of regard for them, one refrains from doing. One always gains by allowing one's self to be missed. "You are a woman, and therefore you think that the call of the heart is the only thing that matters in the world; but I am a man, and one woman can always replace another." The ignorant can never adjust themselves to the unaccustomed. If the church were open all the week, then the use of Sunday would be gone! Nothing is impossible to the possessor of an indomitable will. The great secret of power is never to will to do more than you can accomplish. The great secret of action and victory is to be capable of living your life without ideals. Such is the sum of the whole world's wisdom.

IT is a Russian proverb that you cannot find wisdom abroad, if there is none at home. This wisdom is at home in Russia: Men carry their superiority inside, animals outside. Even in hell the peasant will have to serve the landlord, for, while the latter is boiling in a cauldron, the former will have to put wood under it. If all fools wore white caps we should look like a flock of sheep. Measure thy cloth ten times, thou canst cut it but once. The greatest king must at last be put to bed with a shovel. Seven never wait for one. The burden is light on the shoulder of another. Pray to God, but keep rowing to the shore. The future belongs to him who knows how to wait. Better under the beard of the old than the whip of the young. When you die, your trumpeter will be buried. As long as the sun shines, one doth not ask for the moon. An untried friend is like an uncracked nut. If you are afraid of the wolf don't go into the forest. In our neighbor's hands the morsel always appears big. Select your wife with your ears rather than with your eyes.

The Turn of the Road

By ALICE ROLLIT COE

Soft gray buds on the willow, Warm moist winds from the bay, Sea-gulls out on the sandy beach, And a road my eager feet would reach, That leads to the Far-away. Dust on the wayside flower, The meadow-lark's luring tone Is silent now, from the grasses tipped With dew at the dawn, the pearls have slipped—Far have I fared alone. And then by the alder thicket The turn of the road—and you! Though the earth lie white in the noonday heat, Or the swift storm follow our hurrying feet, What do we care—we two!

POEMS THAT LIVE FOREVER

EBB AND FLOW

I walked beside the evening sea, And dreamed a dream that could not be; The waves that plunged along the shore Said only—"Dreamer, dream no more!" But still the legions charged the beach; Loud rang their battle-cry, like speech; But changed was the imperial strain; It murmured—"Dreamer, dream again!" I homeward turned from out the gloom— That sound I heard not in my room; But suddenly a sound, that stirred Within my very breast, I heard. It was my heart, that like a sea Within my breast beat ceaselessly; But like the waves along the shore, It said "Dream on!" and "Dream no more!" —George William Curtis.

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson Era the days of August pass, Cut the weeds and mow the grass. Lost is he who hesitates Till the ragweed pollinates. Considered in connection with the history and symptoms of the case, a Wasserman blood test, performed by a competent serologist, is a valuable aid in the diagnosis of syphilis. The stitch that approximates the edges of a wound assists the natural process of healing; the application of iodine destroys interfering bacteria; the presses excludes further microbial molestation. Who pollutes another's well And makes another ill, Should board with jailers for a spell And pay the doctor bill. Not counting the permanent damage done to many kidneys, the annual cost of scarlet fever to the United States is some three or four thousand very valuable Americans. Spraying odorless compounds to mask more objectionable odors is like painting a diamond-back rattler to make him look like a garter snake. In case of appendicitis an ice bag beats a money bag. We speak of the devil, And his imp'll appear; But buy dirty milk, and You'll angel wings hear. Oh, do not scratch that scaly patch; they oft become malignant. Ever notice how much "pep" the lark has, after a morning shower? Now why do we swelter From June until fall? Just why are we worried With clothing at all? Many a rheumatic can thank his decayed molar for the pain in his knee. Preliminary work with the new serum for pneumonia, discovered by Dr. Felton of the Harvard Med-

ical School, indicates that the use of this serum may reduce the death rate in pneumonia 25 per cent or more. No wonder truth wears a black eye most of the time; think how often she's crushed to earth. For the bottle-fed baby, You'll find it'll pay To feed him the juice Of an orange a day. People hostile to scientific progress and attainment follow those who lead them for pecuniary gain. Fairy Story: Once upon a time there was a great war and all the munition manufacturers occupied the front line trenches. Never before has there been such progress in discovering the causes, treatment and prevention of diseases—and the greatest of these is prevention. Two New Yorkers per thousand population died 50 years ago where one dies today. Fifty years ago the average citizen of Massachusetts was "expected" to reach 40 years; today he is "expected" to live 54 years.

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Huddleston Knows Furniture By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY HERE IS NO 'SHERE' NONSENSE ABOUT TAILORING J. Lepkin MERCHANT TAILOR A MODEL TAILOR FOR MODERN MEN HE GAVE ME FITS

Mr. J. Lepkin, excellent tailor, with business premises at 1312 Sartori street, tells us that his long experience has taught him that the buyer of tailor-made garments does not only want the clothes but the benefits of the tailor's art. A customer that has been served both with quality materials and a perfect fitting, has a sense of satisfaction about his whole being that promotes self-possession and confidence. If one has a suit that feels as if it is clothing your person becomingly and "fittingly," then you are sure to feel an inward sense of security. Mr. Lepkin, a most pleasant and able tailor who has come to Torrance to remain and serve his growing clientele, is a native of the district bordering the Black Sea in Russia. When eleven years of age he was first instructed in the tailoring trade. Leaving Russia many years ago, he came to Canada, and in that Dominion has been prominently identified with the tailoring trade, for a number of years in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It was during a motoring trip that he discovered Torrance. Shortly after arriving in Los Angeles he set out to visit the harbor district. San Pedro engaged his attention for a time. But it was the substantial aspect of Torrance that made him decide upon this city as a future place of home and business.

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